Phasing out of Adult Literacy Programme

*192. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to phase out the Adult Literacy Programme in five years; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fertilizer Projects in Himachal Pradesh

*193. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of fertilizer projects set up in the private/public sector, separately, alongwith their annual production/income, separately, in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) the details of private/public sector fertilizer projects proposed to be set up in Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana; and

(c) the details of such units in which foreign capital investment has been made and to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) There are no major fertilizer projects/plants in Himachal Pradesh.

(b) and (c) As per the industrial policy resolution dated 24th July 1991, no licence is normally required for setting up new fertiliser projects. Entrepreneurs are free to set up fertiliser projects anywhere in the country subject to environmental clearance. In the public sector, M/s National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL) is at present expanding the capacity of its Nangal unit in Punjab by 1.48 lakh tonnes per annum of urea at an estimated cost of Rs. 135.13 crores. In the private sector, M/s Oswal Asia Fertilizers Ltd. have indicated that they are interested in setting up a fertiliser project at Sangrur in Punjab with an annual urea capacity of 7.68 lakh MT. As per information supplied by M/s Oswal Asia Fertilizers Ltd. to the Government, the present

estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1841 crore, and with a debt: equity ratio of 2:1, the share holding pattern of the venture envisages foreign capital investment in the equity of the project as below:—

S.No.	Shiare holders	Equity	
		Amount (Rs.)	%age
1.	M/s Soros & Associates, USA	245Cr.	40
2,	M/s Krupp Uhde & Associates, Germany	68 Cr.	11
3.	M/s Krupp Uhde India & Associates	55 Cr.	9
4.	M/s Punjab State Industrial Dev. Corpn.	92 Cr.	15
5.	Neelam Oswal Group	92 Cr.	15
6.	Others	61 Cr.	10
	TOTAL	613 Cr.	100

Industrial Institutes under Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

†*194. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL

SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that many industrial institutes are functioning under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers;

(b) if so, the total number thereof in April, 1999;

(c) the number of those institutes which have become sick because of running under constant loss;

(d) whether any estimate has been made to ascertain the losses in these institutes, so far; and

(e) if so, the total amount of loss till March, 1999, alongwith the total capital invested in those industries?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) and (b) There are seventeen Central Public Sector

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